

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

August 11, 2015

(Minutes submitted are unofficial until approved at the next month's regular monthly meeting.)

The Latta School Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Administrative Conference Room. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws, 1985, Section 30-4-80-(e), *The Dillon Herald* was notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting. The agenda is also posted in the District Office and on the district website.

Trustees present were Kyle Berry, Vanessa Harrison, Betty Jo Johnson, and Eleanor Powers. Edward Bethea and Linda James were absent.

Betty Jo Johnson welcomed all present and Dr. Kirby opened with prayer.

Hanna Rose Mabbutt was recognized for achieving a perfect score on the 2015 South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) Social Studies test.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Kirby stated that the Board Retreat will be tentatively set for December 8, 2015.

Dr. Kirby updated the Board on the South Carolina Supreme Court ruling referencing agendas for school board meetings. (Handout attached becoming part of the minutes.)

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

Donna Taylor presented the status report for May 2015 and June 2015 on the General Fund budget. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Donna Taylor gave an update on the audit status for the 2015-2016 school year. (Handout attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Donna Taylor stated that Teacher Supply Funds were given to teachers on August 10, 2015.

George Liebenrood updated Board on the 2014-2015 School Accreditation.

The Board was updated by George Liebenrood on the course syllabus for Montessori Instructional Assistants at the elementary school. (Handout attached becoming part of the minutes.)

George Liebenrood and Debra Morris gave an update on the Project Based Learning training which is part of the STEM program at the middle school. Mrs. Morris stated the training has gone well. (Handout attached becoming part of the minutes.)

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George Liebenrood updated Board on the status of Erin's Law. A committee will discuss and decide how to provide a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program for students in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. The Board will be notified and updated of this plan. (Handout attached becoming part of the minutes.)

An update on the Read to Succeed Law was given by George Liebenrood. (Handout attached becoming part of the minutes.)

The Board was updated on the Latta Middle School/Latta High School schedule improvement.

Larry Legette gave an update on bus route improvements, school openings and the removal of lockers at the high school.

There being no corrections or additions to the June 9, 2015 minutes, Chair Johnson ruled that they stand approved. Chair Johnson ruled to amend the current agenda to add the local board approved courses.

A motion was made by Eleanor Powers and seconded by Vanessa Harrison to approve the local board approved courses for the middle school and high school. Vote was unanimous. (Handout attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Dr. Kirby invited Board Members to Open House which will be held on August 13, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 and to the Staff Luncheon on August 14, 2015 from 11:30 to 1:00.

Dr. Kirby gave an update on the 2015-2016 school year goals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon Dr. Kirby's recommendation, a motion to accept the resignation of Meredith Coleman and to approve the hiring of Brandon Iseman, Brandon Proctor, Jeremy Gordet, Pamela Keesler, Ashley Jones, John Fulmer, Kim Yauger, Lakisha Page, and Christopher Page was made by Eleanor Powers and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the school meal increases was made by Kyle Berry and seconded by Vanessa Harrison. Vote was unanimous.

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Dr. Kirby gave board members a copy of the full five day week lunch/breakfast schedule and the four day or less lunch/breakfast schedule. (Handouts attached becoming part of the minutes.)

A motion to support the Foundation by accepting a donation of property in honor of Alex and Margaret Johnson to serve as new teacher apartments was made by Eleanor Powers and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Liebenrood announced that Amber Campbell and Dori Webster earned an International Baccalaureate Diploma.

CITIZEN INPUT ON ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO SCHOOLS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

FORMAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Berry and seconded by Vanessa Harrison. Vote was unanimous.

Betty Jo Johnson, Chair

W. Kyle Berry, Secretary

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